




By the King.

# A P P R O C L A M A T I O N

For the careful Custody and well Ordering of the New River brought from *Chadwell* and *Amwell* to the North parts of the City of *London*.

CHARLES R.

 Whereas by Authority of two severall Acts of Parliament made and Ordained in the Third and fourth years of the Reign of Our late Royal Grandfather King James (of blessed memory) the River now running from Chadwell and Amwell, in Our County of Hertford, to the North parts of Our City of London, was at the great charge of Our said Grandfather, and other the Undertakers happily made and finished, since which time the Water thereof is dispersed by Pipes and Branches through the severall Streets and Places of Our said City, the Liberties and Suburbs of the same, and elsewhere, to the benefit and ease of Our Subjects there inhabiting, as well for the cleaning and sweet keeping of them in the times of Infection, as the preservation and safety of the Houses and Buildings, Goods and Riches therein, from the fearful danger of fire casually happening; And such was the care and providence of Our said Grandfather, that the Water in any place in the course thereof should not at any time be troubled or corrupted (Whereby the health or lives of the people might suffer or be endangered) that by his Letters Patents of Incorporation dated the One and twentieth day of June, in the Seventeenth year of his Reign over this Our Realm of England, he created and erected a Governour and a Company, successively to Regulate, and carefully to Oversee all things appertaining to the said River; and severall strict Orders and Commands were made and given by Our late Royal Father (of blessed memory) for preservation of the said River, and preventing of such things as might be prejudicial thereunto; Notwithstanding which, the present Governour and Company have represented unto Us, That great abuses are daily committed: We therefore taking into Our special consideration,



That the preservation of the said River is of so great and especial consequence, as graciously pleased by this Our Royal Proclamation (With the advice of Our Privy Council) straitly to Charge and Command, That all and every the Grants, Clauses and Restrictions in the said Acts of Parliament, Letters Patents, and in all other Our Letters Patents, Orders and Proclamations concerning the said River Enacted, Made, Established, Granted or Confirmed, be from time to time carefully obeyed, observed, and performed; And We do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all and singular the Inhabitants of Our City of London, the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, Our City of Westminster, and also the inhabitants of Our severall Counties of Middlesex and Hertford, and likewise all the Plummers, Paviers, and other Artificers whomsoever, and every of them, That they nor any of them, do or shall presume at any time or times hereafter, without the privy- permission and allowance of the Governour and Company aforesaid for the time being, to intermeddle with the said Works, or any of the Pipes or Branches thereof, or to convey or derive any Pipe or Branch, Pipes or Branches of the said Water into their or any of their Houses, or other places, nor shall fetch or carry the Water out of the said River, the Pipes or Branches thereof, or otherwise hinder, waste or consume, disturb, infect, abuse or corrupt the same River, by setting up of Grates, overflowing of Grounds, making of Trenches or Drains, filling of Ponds, Fishing, Watering of Cattel, keeping of Geese or Ducks thereupon, casting of Carrion thereinto, or by doing or permitting any mislance, annoyance, let, stoppage, or prejudice whatsoever to the stream of Our said River in any part of the Current thereof, nor shall cut, spoil, take away or destroy any the Branches, Bridges, Wharfs, Posts, Rails, Banks, Bounds or Fences to the said River in any wise belonging or appertaining, or therewith enjoyed, or lying neer, or behooful to the same, upon pain of Our high displeasure, and of such pains, penalties and punishments, as by the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom, or Our Prerogative-Royal can and may be inflicted upon the offenders for contempt of Our Royal Will and Pleasure herein declared: And We do hereby straitly Charge and Command all Mayors, Justices of Peace, Commissioners of Sewers, Sheriffs, Bayliffs, Constables, Headboroughs, and all other Our Officers, Ministers and Subjects within Our said Cities of London and Westminster, the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, Our Counties of Middlesex and Hertford, whom the same shall or may concern, That they and every of them hereafter be vigilant and circumspect, that Our Royal Will and Pleasure herein declared, be from time to time effectually observed; And that they and every of them in their severall Offices and Places respectively, without excuse or delay, be upon all occasions aiding and assisting to the said Governour and Company, their Officers and Ministers, in the strict observance and execution of all and singular the Powers and Authorities, Limitations and Restraints herein before mentioned, and in the Grants and Prohibitions aforesaid contained, according to the true intent and meaning of these presents, when they shall be thereunto required by them or any of them, as they and every of them tender Our Pleasure, and will avoid the contrary at their perils.

Given at the Court at Whitehall the Three and twentieth day of June, 1669.

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